GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2547
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TEACHING OF ENGLISH TO AFGHAN DIPLOMATS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item regarding Teaching of English to Afghan diplomats appearing in the Rashtriya Sahara dated August 4, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and (

(c) reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) A professional course for Afghan diplomats, beginning 6th August 2002, has been successfully completed. NCERT was one of the agencies identified by M/s. Educational Consultants India Limited to conduct the English component but the work had to be awarded to another agency since NCERT withdrew its offer in the course of normal administrative and budgetary processing of the case.